**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**December 4, 2024**

**4:00-6:00 pm – JCK 880 and Zoom**

**Members Present:** Stacey Bender, Dale Blasingame, Peter Dedek, Dave Donnelly,   
Valentina Glajar, Kevin Jetton, William Kelemen, Russell Lang,   
Lynn Ledbetter, Nolan Martin, Adetty Pérez de Miles, Piyush Shroff,   
Lois Stickley, Michael Supancic, Steve Wilson

**Members Absent: None**

**PAAG Guests:** Eric Algoe, Pranesh Aswath, Matt Brooks, Kelly Damphousse,  
Christopher Murr, Vederaman Sriraman. Thillainatarajan Sivakumaran

**Guests:** Augustine Agwuele, Shetay Ashford-Hanserd, Angela Ausbrooks.  
Jeffrey Bumgarner, Cathy Cherrstrom, Lauren Dungan, Laura Ellis-Lai,  
Lauren Goodley, Lucy Harney, Mark Hernandez, David Levy,  
Ny'Nika McFadden, Noha Mohama-Akkari, Russell Moses,  
Pradeep Ramanathan, Arlene Salazar, Milena Samora, Oleksandra Sehin,  
Karen Sigler, Ewa Siwak, Bob Vásquez, Amy Weimer, Alex White,  
Nancy Wilson

**Chair Ledbetter opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with remarks and comments**

1. **Welcome Comments**
   1. Chair Ledbetter welcomed everyone to the meeting including the PAAG guests
2. **President’s Academic Advisory Group (PAAG)**
   1. Recapped the Monday 12/4/2024 Faculty of Instruction Celebration Event
   2. UT System Announcement offering free undergraduate tuition and fees to families whose families have an adjusted annual gross income of $100,000 or less starting Fall, 2025 – What impact for TXST and our financial future?
   3. 3 strategies were showcased one of which is to ask the state legislature for additional funding for the entire TXST system
      1. Other scholarships opportunities and programs like a housing scholarship
      2. A Full Share of the TUF funds has already been asked
   4. Round Rock campus: lots of new admissions and the new Esperanza Hall was recently dedicated
   5. Online Programs: 212 in Fall 2024 and on target for 500 for Spring 2025 semesters
   6. Intersession/Mini-semester:
      1. Embedded into the Spring Semester schedule for financial aid reasons and could not be a standalone session because TXST would be declared a non-standard institution
      2. Was not included in the original TXST BookSmart program and a solution is being worked on for the May/June 2025 intersession/mini-semester
   7. TXST Study Abroad programs versus HUB’s
      1. Study Abroad are traditional faculty-lead programs with organized excursions and include housing
      2. HUB programs are short-term international programs where TXST students can earn credit while abroad for one specific course with less cost and complexity as they are partnered with an international university with no add-ons
      3. It was noted that there is a pay disparity and offerings of what is included for faculty lead excursions and the level of administrative support
   8. AA/PPS 04.02.21 Non-Tenure Line Faculty Promotion Policy
   9. WRITTEN responses will be forthcoming from Matt Brooks addressing the NLFC concerns and will be shared with the faculty senate
3. **Approval of the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**
   1. November 20, 2024 minutes were approved
4. **The Faculty Senate moved into Executive Session then suspended the rules to vote on:**
   1. REP Recommendations from Augustine Agwuele
      1. REP proposals that were recommended were approved
   2. COACHE - Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education  
       <https://coache.gse.harvard.edu/faq-0>
      1. Approved getting TxState on the list of participating institutions
      2. The Faculty Senate would be charged to run it and will require a lot of planning
5. **PAAG Debrief**
   1. Deferred to the next meeting on January 22, 2025
6. **Meeting Adjourned** 
   1. Chair Ledbetter adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**The next faculty Senate Meeting will be:**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in JCK 880 and via Zoom